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Applicants' attorney would like to inform the Examiner of the following co-pending patent application which is owned by the assignee of the present application (i.e., Ethicon, Inc.).

"Blister Tray With A Package For A Small Device"

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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.98, a copy of the aforesaid patent application is enclosed herewith for the Examiner's convenience.

The foregoing patents were cited during the prosecution of applicants' related applications: (1) U.S. Patent Appln. Serial No. 10/039,173; which issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,814,236 B2; (2) U.S. Patent Appln. Serial No. 10/039,172, which issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,793,078 B2; and/or (3) U.S. Patent Appln. Serial No. 10/039,192, which issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,691,868 B2. In this regard, it is noted that the aforementioned patent applications were previously cited to the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the present application by way of an Information Disclosure Statement filed on September 12, 2002.

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